THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE GHULAM MOHAMMED

WP NO.33398 OF 1998

DATED 12TH JULY, 2006

BETWEEN:

M. Nageswara Rao, S/o.Eswarappa & 3 others

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Petitioners

And

The District Telecom Manager,
Mahaboobnagar District & 2 others

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Respondents

WP

No.33398 of 1998

Order: ***(Per Sri GM,J)***

This writ petition is filed seeking to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to give detailed STD bills to the subscribers of telephones at Ieeja Telephone Exchange, Mahaboobnagar District, as petitioners allege that they are getting excessive telephone bills as a result of various irregularities committed by the staff at the Ieeja Telephone Exchange, Mahaboobnagar District.

Heard the learned counsel on both sides.

Inasmuch as the subject matter involved in this writ petition relates to disputes regarding billing in between the Telephone Department and the consumers, which can only be gone into by way of arbitration in terms of Section 7-B of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, and even otherwise disputed questions of fact are involved as to the correctness or otherwise of the bills issued, which cannot be gone into in this proceedings under Article 226 of the Constitution, the writ petition is dismissed, however, reserving liberty to the petitioners to approach the proper forum, if so advised. No costs.

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Ghulam Mohammed, J

Dated 12th July, 2006
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